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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Following the Office Action mailed December 10, 2002, please amend the subject
patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 8-14.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An apparatus for use with a container of liquid that is suspended
from an aircraft flying over a ground target area, the container having an outlet through which a
gravitational flow of the liquid is dropped from the container, said apparatus comprising:
a diffuser configured to diffuse the gravitational flow of the liquid exiting
the container outlet horizontally outward beyond the container into the air above the ground
target area, whereby the liquid is diffused over a correspondingly wide area.